

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** each year approximately 75,000 people die in South Carolina, leaving behind countless family members, friends, and colleagues to adjust to a significant void in their lives; and

**WHEREAS,** grieving is a natural reaction and healthy response to death and other tragedy; and

**WHEREAS,** cultural and religious traditions, as well as individual and community mourning rituals, promote spiritual, emotional, physical and mental well-being following a tragic loss; and

**WHEREAS,** learning about the grieving process contributes to a more supportive and healing environment for those who are in mourning.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1 – 7, 2004, as

### GRIEF AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the healing power of grieving following a tragic loss or the death of a loved one.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**